

PRAY • 2020, IS THERE A LIGHT AT THE END OF THIS TUNNEL? PERHAPS YOU CAN SEE IT...
BUT PERHAPS JUDGES • JUDGES 21:25 • CAN ANYTHING GOOD COME OUT OF A TIME SO DARK?
SPOILER • RUTH 1:1A • RUTH 4:13, 16-17

Ruth's story is a story of REDEMPTION.

Redemption is when God takes something LOST and
BROKEN and brings it back to WHOLENESS.

TURNING AROUND A BAD SITUATION • BRINGING YOU FROM DARKNESS TO LIGHT

See the Light — Ruth 1

Into the Darkness (Ruth 1:1-5)

- Time of the **Judges**, and there's a **famine** in the land.
- They moved to **Moab** and got Moabite **wives**!
- The **men died**!

THAT'S JUST THE BEGINNING • A DEEPER EMOTIONAL DARKNESS WAS COMING

Even Darker (Ruth 1:6-13)

- "God is providing for **OTHERS**."
- "God might provide for **YOU**."
- "God is **AGAINST ME**."

THIS DARKNESS IS DEEPER... BUT ONLY INSIDE NAOMI. THE DARKNESS AROUND HER HAS LIFTED SOME.

Darker Still (Ruth 1:14-21)

- "God has given me **ANOTHER BURDEN**."
- "God has brought me back **EMPTY**."

RUTH COULD HAVE BEEN AN ENCOURAGEMENT, BUT NAOMI DIDN'T SEE IT THAT WAY.

WHAT ABOUT FOR YOU? I'VE BEEN IN A NAOMI HEADSPACE FOR MONTHS NOW. • CAN YOU SEE THE LIGHTS?

Two Little Lights (Ruth 1:22)

- You are **NOT ALONE**.
- God **HAS BEEN WORKING** all this time.

SOMEONE PLANTED IN FAITH • GOD HAS BEEN AT WORK FOR MONTHS

Take it Home

ILL: JENNIFER WAS SICK IN 1994, SO SICK THAT SHE HAD TO SKIP HER TRIP TO CA IN SPRING 1995

I'm not **ALONE**. I'll trust **GOD**.

He's up to something **GOOD**.

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